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Following is the legend to the sketch on page 3 :

1. A road which ran between Ruse and Silistra (N 44-08, E 27-17) was six meters wide, cobblestoned within the city limits, and built of crushed stone outside the city limits. Source heard that this road will become entirely asphalted between Silistra and Ruse. Sometime in 1954, asphalt-ing began at Slivo Pole (N 43-57, E 26-14) and had proceeded for 30 km in the direction of Ruse. After this 30-km stretch is completed, asphalt-ing will begin from Slivo Pole to Silistra. According to source, this road is being improved for strategic reasons since it is the main overland connecting highway between Rumania and Bulgaria.
2. A transformer station which was constructed in 1950-1951 to handle electricity from Rumania by means of an underwater cable across the Danube. Electricity originated in Ploesti, Rumania, and passed thru Giurgiu (N 43-53, E 25-57), into Bulgaria. The station consisted of a single concrete building, 30x30x5m, with a flat roof. The building was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. Within this area, adjacent to the concrete building, source observed a transformer yard with 20-30 masts (each 2.5m high); each mast had several circular insulation discs. The transformer yard was enclosed by a wire fence. Although this transformer station did not supply current to Ruse, because Ruse had its own power plant; it did supply current to Ruse's outlying districts. See page 4 for a memory sketch of the transformer station.

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3. A petroleum base [redacted] along the Ruse-Silistra highway (Point 1). The base contained approximately 50 cisterns whose sizes ranged from three to seven meters high and from 2.5 to 5m in diameter. No distilling units and fractionating columns were observed. Source believes that there were no oil refineries in Bulgaria and that all oil was pre-refined in Rumania before it was shipped to Bulgaria. He also believes that most of the oil was brought to this base by rail cisterns and that some arrived on Danube ship tankers. Paralleling the road, Source observed two pipe lines, 70m long and 25cm in diameter, which were carried on 3.5 meter-high overhead steel supports. Source claims that this petroleum base was the largest POL storage base in Bulgaria and was the central POL distribution point for consumers throughout Bulgaria. He saw no new construction in progress at the base and does not believe that its capacity was being expanded. He once saw fuel being hosed into the ground and believes that underground cisterns existed there. However, he could not remember whether the fuel was poured from a railroad cistern or from a stationary surface cistern.
4. An overhead conveyor which brought sugar beets in hoppers from the unloading pier (Point 5) to the sugar refinery (Point 7). This conveyor was supported on seven meter-high steel masts spaced about 50m apart.
5. A pier for unloading sugar beets.
6. The Trud Brick Works.
7. A beet sugar processing plant.

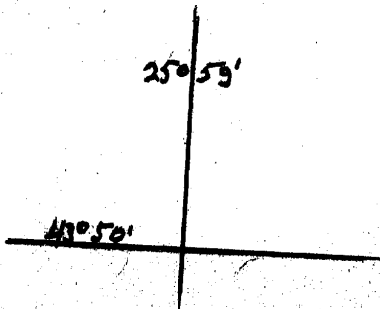
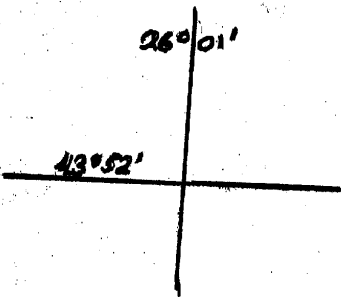
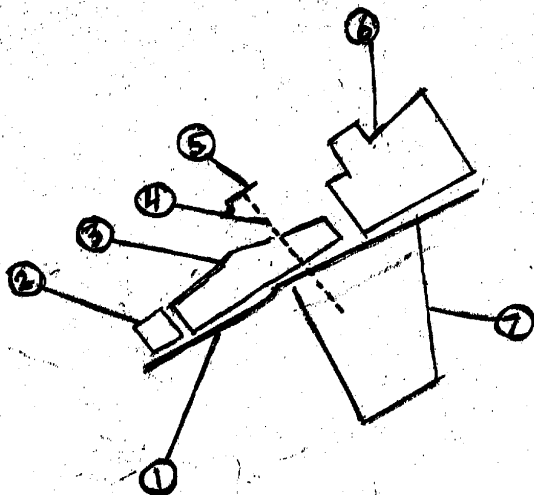
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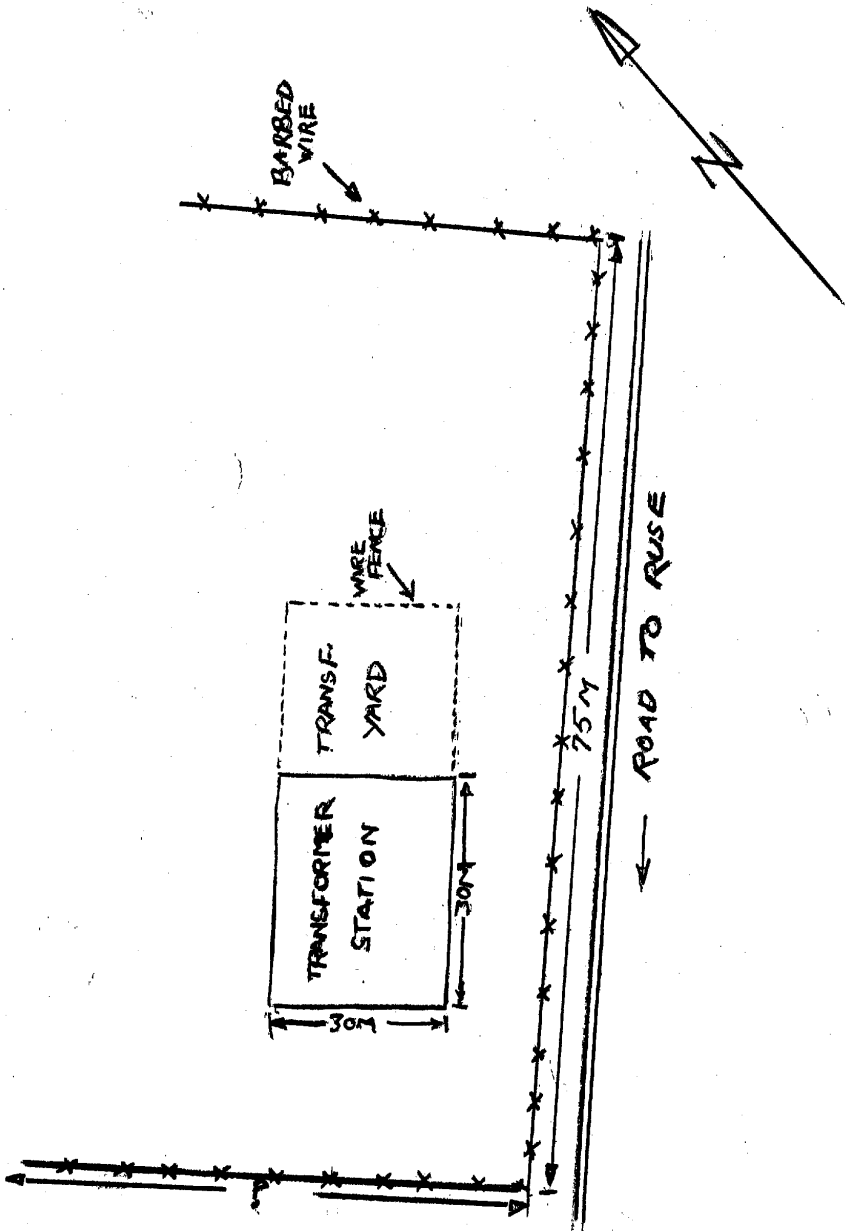


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Memory sketch of Transformer Station



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